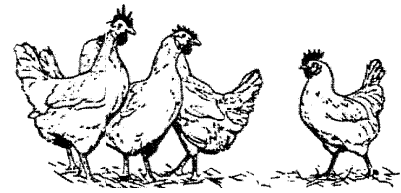


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## CALIFORNIA JULY EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during July totaled 459 million, 20.0 million more than last month and 9.00 million more than last July. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.6 million, 1 percent more than last month and 3 percent more than July 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,233 compared to 2,149 last month and 2,259 in July 2003.

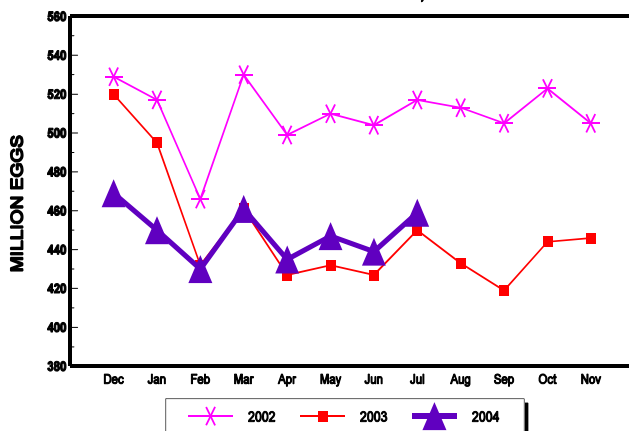
## U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during July 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,207 eggs, down slightly from July 2003. July 2004 contained 22 weekdays, five Saturdays and one holiday compared to July 2003, which contained 23 weekdays, four Saturdays and one holiday.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 342 million on August 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.40 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers on August 1, 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago.

## EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA

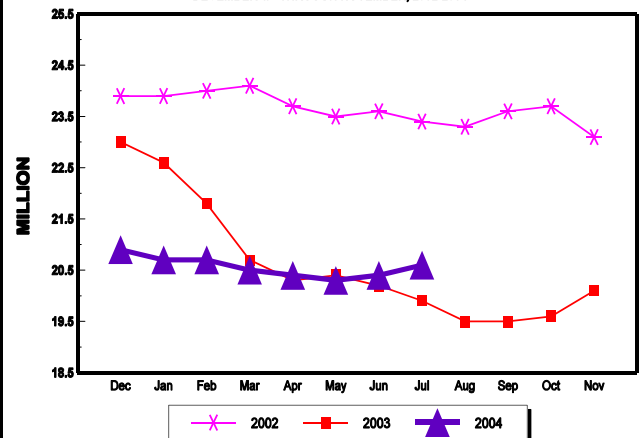
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



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## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JULY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF AUGUST 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molting		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,749	9,548	1,877	1,864	183	178	2.0	1.5	5.0	3.0
Arkansas	15,361	14,462	1,894	1,908	291	276	0.0	0.5	10.5	10.0
California	19,921	20,558	2,259	2,233	450	459	2.0	3.5	37.0	33.0
Georgia	20,337	20,076	2,065	2,117	420	425	5.5	5.0	15.5	17.5
Indiana	22,281	24,214	2,262	2,234	504	541	5.5	6.0	32.5	27.5
Iowa	39,391	44,963	2,318	2,260	913	1,016	10.0	5.0	31.5	34.5
North Carolina	10,663	10,817	2,026	1,960	216	212	0.5	2.0	11.0	9.5
Ohio	28,842	27,755	2,254	2,245	650	623	2.5	8.0	26.0	25.0
Pennsylvania	24,223	24,139	2,348	2,357	569	569	4.0	4.0	20.5	14.5
Texas	18,239	18,124	2,204	2,251	402	408	4.5	2.5	21.0	21.0
UNITED STATES	334,179	341,897	2,215	2,207	7,403	7,544	4.1	4.5	23.5	23.4

### U.S. BROILER HATCH

The July 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 807 million, was up 4 percent from July of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 663 million on August 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2004, down 3 percent from July 2003.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands	Percent	
Alabama	105,661	113,716	108
Arkansas	111,352	115,416	104
Delaware	13,188	13,709	104
Florida	4,874	4,987	102
Georgia	118,995	122,912	103
Kentucky	24,218	26,607	110
Louisiana	14,446	14,113	98
Maryland	34,497	32,708	95
Mississippi	71,521	74,656	104
North Carolina	64,958	67,288	104
Oklahoma	23,159	24,284	105
Pennsylvania	13,030	13,738	105
South Carolina	16,007	13,729	86
Texas	53,685	56,341	105
Virginia	23,890	25,121	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	62,077	63,936	103
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	22,280	23,566	106
UNITED STATES	777,838	806,827	104

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 34.1 million, down 4 percent from July 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.1 million on August 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

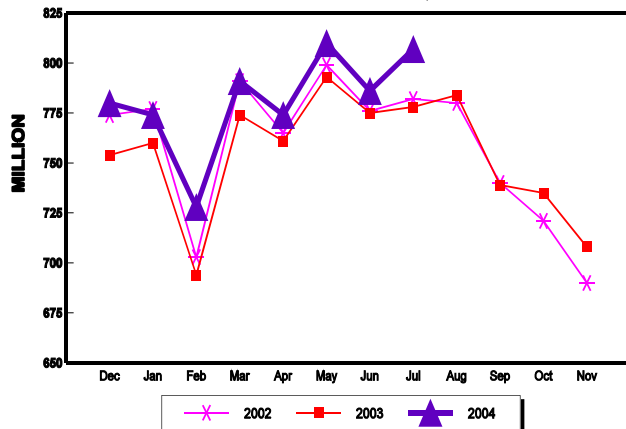
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 243 thousand during July 2004, up 6 percent from July 2003.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands	Percent	
Arkansas	824	694	84
Florida	812	699	86
Georgia	2,407	2328	97
Indiana	4,888	4801	98
Iowa	6,297	5670	90
Minnesota	1,100	850	77
Pennsylvania	4,685	4491	96
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	14,553	14,594	100
UNITED STATES	35,566	34,127	96

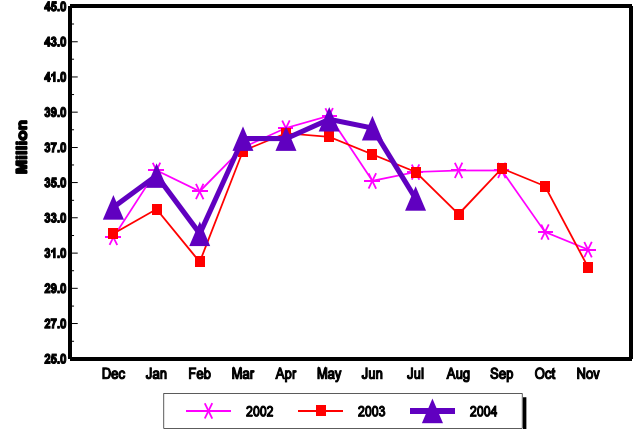
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#### BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

#### EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

### U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
North Atlantic	12,270	12,767	104	4,861	4,778	98
East North Central	8,395	9,292	111	7,100	7,440	105
West North Central	22,081	23,666	107	7,503	6,289	84
South Atlantic	234,054	236,686	101	2,556	3,681	144
South Central	341,707	355,241	104	5,099	4,149	81
West	22,995	25,253	110	3,597	4,761	132
UNITED STATES	641,502	662,905	103	30,716	31,098	101

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 30.0 million on August 1, 2004, down 8 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 3 percent below the July 2004 total of 31.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central down 2 percent, North and South Atlantic down 14 percent, South Central up 2 percent, and West down 18 percent.

The 25.3 million poult placed during July 2004 in the United States were down slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 9 percent from the June 2004 total of 23.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 1 percent, and West up 11 percent.

### ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators August 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During July 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2,003	2,004	
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent		
East No. Central	5,102	4,738	93	3,649	3,612	99
West No. Central	11,679	11,497	98	9,197	9,295	101
No. & So. Atlantic	9,842	8,507	86	8,072	7,705	95
South Central	2,204	2,243	102	1,882	1,863	99
West	3,692	3,035	82	2,530	2,800	111
UNITED STATES	32,519	30,020	92	25,330	25,275	100

1/ Excludes exported poults.

### TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent		
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb.	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar.	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr.	24,938	24,664	99	193,507	185,612	96
May	25,111	23,692	94	218,618	209,304	96
Jun. 2/	25,422	23,291	92	244,040	232,595	95
Jul.	25,330	25,275	100	269,370	257,870	96
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2003-04 "Total All Breeds" data.

## U.S. TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 is 263 million, down 4 percent from the number raised during 2003.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004;

Minnesota, at 46.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any State, showing a 3 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 39.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2003.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 7 percent less than a year ago.

Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2004, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Virginia, at 19.0 million birds, is down 17 percent from 2003.

California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 8 percent less than a year earlier.

### TURKEYS RAISED IN 2003-04 1/

State	Number		2004/2003
	2003	2004	
	Thousand Head	Percent	
Arkansas	30,000	28,000	93
California	17,300	16,000	92
Connecticut	5	5	100
Illinois	2,900	2,800	97
Indiana	12,800	13,100	102
Iowa	8,500	9,000	106
Maryland	500	750	150
Massachusetts	73	70	96
Michigan	5,000	5,000	100
Minnesota	45,000	46,500	103
Missouri	23,500	21,500	91
New Hampshire	5	6	120
New Jersey	33	38	115
New York	570	580	102
North Carolina	42,500	39,000	92
North Dakota	1,300	1,000	77
Ohio	5,500	5,700	104
Pennsylvania	9,500	12,000	126
South Carolina	12,000	12,000	100
South Dakota	4,600	4,500	98
Vermont	52	52	100
Virginia	23,000	19,000	83
West Virginia	4,300	3,400	79
Other States 2/	25,110	22,949	91
UNITED STATES	274,048	262,950	96

1/ Revised.

2/ CO, DE, KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2004 July 2003	July 2004 June 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	80,508	45,466	48,457	60	107
Chickens	Lbs.	41,728	30,921	31,065	74	100
Ducks	Lbs.	63	50	56	89	112
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	122,299	76,437	79,578	65	104
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	722,543	595,662	603,206	83	101
Chickens	Lbs.	635,590	756,660	716,252	113	95
Ducks	Lbs.	5,034	936	972	19	104
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,363,167	1,353,258	1,320,430	97	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,570	18,256	16,726	90	92

#### POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average July prices received by California producers, when compared to June average prices, decreased ten cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the July broiler price was 52 cents per pound and equal to the record-high set last month. This high price was due to the continued strong domestic protein demand, the summer barbeque season, and foreign demand. The July turkey price, at 43.6 cents per pound, is up 1.6 cents from last month. Cumulative placements of turkey poulters for the slaughter market are 5 percent below last year.

#### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	59.0	56.0	46.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	36.0	52.0	52.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	52.4	49.6	39.9
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	33.6	42.0	43.6

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month prices

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